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1. We agree with your Headquarters' views that the 28th December statement of the Politburo of the Chinese Communist Party is of international significance for the Communists and that it is a symptom of the ideological and disciplinary crisis affecting the international Communist movement. It also demonstrates the extreme importance which the Communists attach to the preservation of their international solidarity.

2. The statement, in our opinion, must be construed in the light of the mounting tensions in Communist relations which had preceded it and also the economic and material dependence of China upon the Soviet Union.

3. Although the statement appears to have been primarily intended to counter TITO's PULA speech, it is of special interest as affording an instance of the Chinese Communist Party asserting its right to pronounce with authority, and as an equal partner with the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, upon the direction of the international Communist movement. This new status, and the fact that MAO Tse-Tung seems to have no serious theoretical rival in the Soviet Union, suggest that Chinese influence upon international Communist theory will increase.

4. China's economic and material reliance upon the Soviet Union, however, has clearly dictated the subordination of her own national interests to the preservation of Sino-Soviet solidarity and we feel that these over-riding considerations prevent the extraction from the statement of any valid ideological conclusions on a long term basis.

5. At present, however, it appears that the Chinese Communist Party is concerned more with halting disastrous tendencies rather than introducing novel theories or techniques.